SPORT IN THE ALPS. In the Past and Present.
An Account of the Chase of the Chamois, Red
Deer, Bouquetin, Roe Deer, Capercaille and
Rlackcock, with Personal Adventures and Historical Notes and Some Sporting Reminiscences
of H. R. H. the Late Duke of Saxe-CoburgGotha. By W. A. Baille-Grohman. With
Numerous Illustrations and Photographs from
Life. Pp. xv, 356 Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons.

This book is from the hands of an author who has heen a sportsman from his boyhood. At the age of nine he had a gun that would shoot real leaden bul-lets, and he missed a hare and peppered a gamekeeper's legs long before he was ten. He grew up in the region which he now describes, where almost all his surroundings, human and otherwise, kept him in mind of shooting in forest and on mountainside. Thus the reader will find him expert not only in drives and stafking, but also in the matter of preserves and in the perpetuation of game. One of the most interesting features of the book is its clance back over the history of each kind of sport with which it deals. To one who has thought noth-ing about the subject, it comes with a sort of shock to learn that in the Alps, where man is really baffled by Nature, the wild animals are only dimintive representatives of their ancestors. Such measthe red deer, the chamois, the ibex or bouquetin and the wild boar are not the creatures that they were in the times of that mighty archer and hunts-nan the Emperor Maximilian, who died in 1519. It is not to be believed that man in that region has shared the same fate, and yet the archers of the present day who could drive a wooden arrow with-out an iron point through a plank of seasoned larchwood three inches thick must be few in number. Yet Maximilian speaks of performing this feat. He was one of the rare men on the Continent who surssed the old English yeamen and foresters in the use of the longbow. He seems, however, not to have used this weapon except for shooting on the wing, his main reliance being the crossbow of steel, which was capable of throwing either bolts or bullets. In winter, when steel was brittle, Maximilian had a bow of horn. These bows had to be bent with a windlass, and in order to prevent their going off wares. Maximilian invented an ingenious trigger w was in a horizontal position. Doubtless such a been handled quickly enough for one achievement of which the Emperor boasted. He shot 100 ducks with 104 shots. The birds were hit as they rose from the water, showing that a crossbow in the hands of a skilful man was quite equal to the mod-

After reading of Maximilian's exploits and of other sportsmen from his time to the present, one coases to wonder at the decadence of modern game. All these centuries there has been a rivalry among the good shots to kill the largest and finest animals. process was bound to defeat anything like analysis of the red deer, with few points and no attractions, would be scorned by a good shot, while master of the forest would be watched for at dawn and dusk day after day, until laid low. It simply did not pay the deer and the chamols to be big and strong. But the slaughter still goes on. Whether it could end, if prolonged, in a breed of chamois the size of rabbits must be left to naturalists to decide. Long before that is possible the creature may be extinct. The Alpine ibex would even now be unown if it had not awakened the sympathy of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. That royal sportsman made a sanctuary for these creatures on the southern side of the Alps, and their numbers began to

But neglect among the royal and noble sportsmen who hold most of the game of the mountains and forests in their preserves would result in destrucon as complete as that which has overtaken the big game in the United States. As Mr. Baillie-Grohman has been in the Rocky Mountains, and, indeed, has written a book about sport there, he speaks from experience. His only allusion to poli-tics is an assertion that democratic institutions are infavorable to the preservation of game. But his wrath is greatest when he thinks of the change which has come over Scotland since the class of sportsmen which he praises has been crowded out by the rich men, who can not only lease the good shooting grounds, but stock them at a few months'

notice with game from the world's end. To these the destruction of the game in a given region is, he says, a matter of indifference.

His words have a curious bearing on natural history. The same process of adverse selection that has spoiled the game is now spoiling the game seeker. The old-fashioned sportsman appears to be following Maximilian into oblivion. Even the game following Maximilian into oblivion. Even the game is now spoiling the game stopy in the says, required care and deliberation. A man tried to see what he meant to hit when he sighted along the barrei of such a firearm. Ruu with the boundless supply of cartridges and the speed of fire at the present day, he thinks that accuracy is thought of by few. He tells almost with pride how slow he was to give up his old muzzle-loader. His book records the experiences of a quarter of a century on Alpine slopes, with incidents of every kind. He does not conceal his lil luck any more than his good luck. Perhaps he does not mention all his misses—he certainly does not give a catalogue, but only an occasional total for his hits—but he gives emusing details in the case which he does mention. His reminiscences of other distinguished sportsmen, particularly of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, have a special charm.

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## LITERARY NOTES.

An interesting work on a familiar household appurtenance is to be brought out by Mr. Albert Hartshorne in the autumn. It is to be called "Old English Glasses: an Account of Glass Drinking-Vessels in England from Early Times to the End of the Eighteenth Century." There will be some notes on Continental glass included in the book, which will be richly illustrated. Mr. Edwin Arnold is to be the publisher.

Olive Schreiner's papers on the Transvaal, which have attracted attention in an English review, will

The new novel by Mr. Crockett, which will soon come from the press, is entitled "Lochinvar," and is said to resemble in manner "The Lilac Sunbon-

It is probable that two-thirds of the Englishspeaking race, when they think at all about the nors paid to Scott in England, take it for granted that he has been suitably memorialized in Abbey. He has been nothing of the sort. Nor does there seem to be much room for him now. In Mr. John Murray's house the other day, in a room where Scott himself had stood and conversed with Byron, a committee was formed for the erection of a proper memorial in Westminster Abbey. Dean Bradley pointed out that the available positions were not many, and it may be necessary to put up the memorial in that doleful corner near the main entrance which is already overcrowded. Wherever it is put, it is expected to take the shape of Chantrey's bust, a portrait which Scott approved and which was accepted by Lockhart and others who knew him as the most satisfactory with which they were acquainted.

It is not often that one comes across so happy an flustration of the way in which a thing should be done as Mr. Vandam has given in a recent paper on Jules Simon. He says, in speaking of the latter's

conversation:

An hour's chat with Jules Simon, in his fifth floor on the Place de la Madeleine, ou no matter what pretext, was a stimulant. Less classical-probably because he wished to be-than his contemporary, Barthélemy Saint-Hiaire, who preceded him to the tomb by a few months; less brilliant than his friend of many years' standing. Ernest Renan, his causerie made fewer demands upon the listener's mental faculties than the causerie of either of the other two. Barthélemy Saint-Hiaire's causerie was incomplete; it lacked the experience of the greatest ordeal of all sublunary ordeals—the ordeal of marriage, paternity and family life; one had to supplement his remarks. Henan's causerie was more than complete. It took one through the whole gamut of lite's harmony, but of its cacophony also, and almost attempted to be one's guide "through after life" and back again. One had to deduct from it. Simon's causerie, in virtue of the causeur's invincible faith, was absolutely complete.

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The beauty of this little fragment is that it hows in a simple human way precisely the kips of writing, as much as conversation, for which the readers of to-day are waiting. Let any follow in his manuscript the judicious rule implied by the distinctions drawn between the three kinds of talk discussed above, and he will find himself after a while the master of an excellent style To be only moderately classical-because one Market too much credition is like too much frenzy; to be complete, to be balanced as justly as Jules Simon was balanced, that is an aim which will bring laure's to any writer. Mr. Vandam points out that Eimon's "invincible faith" was at the bottom of his strength. The tribute is sympathetic and exact. But Simon's power lay no less in his purely literary judgment than in his faith. He had the flexibility of one born to deal with letters.

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possessed a style not specially remarkable, and it cannot be said that in any of his writings he reached an extraordinary plane of originality. But his sympathies were always open to the approach of ideas, no matter how opposed to them he might be as matters of judgment. He had, in short, the literary mind the subtle, elastic, instantaneously adjustable mind which understands even when it is repelled, and maintains, therefore, an equable atmosphere, a just atmosphere, the atmosphere at-tributed to his conversation, which invariably conciliates, which often persuades and almost as often

Dean Farrar is seeing through the press a new volume of Scriptural discussion. It is to be entitled "The Bible: What It Is and What It Is Not." The exact date of publication is not yet announced.

Every Christmas Mr. Andrew Lang brings cout a new story book. He has printed a "Red Fairy Book," a "Blue Fairy Book" and similar anthologies of many other colors. His next volume, for the coming season, will be "The Animal Story Book" and it ought to be one of the very best in the series.

CITY TAXPAYERS' ASSESSMENTS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ADVISES THE ALDERMEN TO SET THE RATE AT 2.14.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermer made its report through its chairman, W. McK. Board at its meeting yesterday, advising that the assessments of the Tax Commissioners for 1806 be confirmed and that the tax rate for the present year be set at 2.14, and the cerporation 1.8276. No action was taken on the report and it is now probable that the tax levy will be confirmed and the tax rate determined until August Alderman Olcott was quoted yesterday as advocating the plan of anticipating the approval of the tax books this year so that they could be place in the hands of the Receiver of Taxes on September 1, and the work of collection begun on that date instead of on the first Monday of October, as has been the custom. Mr. Olcott cited Section 833 of the Consolidation act to show that the law requires that the tax books be in the hands of the Receiver of Taxes on September 1, and that the Aldermen were liable to indictment if they failed to comply

Seeing this statement in the newspapers yesterday morning, President Barker of the Tax Depart-ment addressed a letter to Alderman Olcott inviting his attention to another section of the law which has failen into disuse. This one requires the Board of Aldermen to prepare the tax rolls and extend the sums payable ready for the Receiver. For twenty years, however, the Tax Department has taken this job off the hands of the Aldermen and had it done by its own employes. There are upward of 80,000 ames on the tax lists, and Mr. Barker said that the preparation and extension of the tax books take ninety men thirty days' hard work to complete. In former times, when the Aldermen bossed the work, it cost the city about \$11,000 a year. It was a picnic for the politicians who ran the Board of Aldermen.

President Barker told Mr. Olcott in his letter that

if the Aldermen decided that the tax books must be ready on September 1 this year they would have to prepare them themselves, as the Tax Department would be unable to go to work on them any earlier than usual. Mr. Barker's letter placed the matter in a new light, and Mr. Olcott and his associates of the Board concluded that there was not so much need of hurry after all. The absolute mability of the Board to do the work with its present force was obvious, and there was no appropriation to employ additional clerks. Mr. Olcott read Mr. Barker's letter at the meeting of the Board. He said afterward that he had been incorrectly reported yesterday, in being made to say that he wanted the tax rate coned on August 11. Two weeks later, or August 25, was soon enough, he believed, for the following

25, was soon enough, he believed, for the inholding reasons:
"First, real estate dealers throughout the city have doubtless in many cases planned to make sales and purchases of real estate during August, and before the last Tuesday, on the belief, arising from the precedent of many former years, that the taxes will not be confirmed until the last Tuesday, and that their titles would be conveyed at any time before the last Tuesday free from the lien of taxes of 1896, and I think it would be unfair to upset their speculations by confirming 1896 taxes earlier than usual.

usual.

"Second, and most important, persons who do not pay taxes before December 1 in each year are charged interest thereon at the high rate of 7 per cent per annum from the date of confirmation. I see no reason why the small property-owners, who generally are the ones unable to pay taxes before December 1, should be penalized by having to pay this high rate of interest thereon from August 11, instead of from the usual date, the last Tuesday in August."

PETROSINO MADE DETECTIVE SERGEANT. Chief Conlin yesterday detailed Detective Joseph Petrosino, of Captain O'Brien's staff, as a detective sergeant. This is the first time that Chief Conlin has exercised the power of making detective sergeants. Commissioners may, by resolution, reduce detective sergeants to the grade of patrolmen. Petrosino has been in the Detective Bureau since last year, and has made ninety-eight arrests and recovered \$2,500 worth of stolen property. He also captured two murdergs. pointing detective sergeants from patrolmen, but the

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BUSINESS AT THE EXCHANGES. With one exception, all the parcels of really offered at the Broadway Real Estate Salesroom

yesterday were sold.

William M. Ryan sold, under decree of specific performance, No. 15 West Ninety-sixth-st., brownstone front dwelling, with carpets, and fixtures, etc., lot 20x100, to the plaintiff. Edward Ward, for 125,000.

James L. Wells sold, in foreclosure, No. 26 Third ave. a two-story brick tenement-house, lot 21.44 G. L. Guion, representing the plaintiff. Carrier Coudert, as trustee, etc., for \$17,500.

John T. Boyd sold, in partition, Southern Boulevard, west side, 75.9 feet north of Columbination, Solds of the William Kernelly sold, in foreclosure, No. 14 West One-hundred-and-first-st., a five-story brid flathouse, lot 25x100.11, to the plaintiff. Cornella Atwill, for \$12,000; also, in foreclosure, to the plaintiff, the Equitable Life Assurance Society, No. 23, 310, 312 and 314 West One-hundred-and-fifteents-four three-story stone front dwellings, lots and 16.8x100.11, for \$44.800.

E. A. Cruikshank & Co. have sold for Mrs. Jave. P. Kernochan the southeast corner of Madiso, ave. and Twenty-fifth-st. for something over 15th The plot fronts 48.4 on the avenue by 100 cm street, and includes a lot adjoining on the service, and includes a lot adjoining on the service.

Mrs. Kernochan bought the property in 18% in 112,500.

John P. Kirwan, for S. W. B. Smith, has sold the four five-story flathouses on the southeast corne of Amsterdam-ave, and Eighty-ninth-st., 19210, for about \$299,600.

J. J. Phelan has sold Nos. 25 and 42 West Ninety-first-st., two three-story brick dwellings, for about \$2,000.

Petty, Soulard & Walker have sold to Matthew Coogan two lots on the southwest corner of Brooke-ave, and One-hundred-and-sixty-first-st., 50x100, for improvement.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. 43d-st, n s, 300 ft e of 2d-ave, 25x100.5, Theresa N Levy to David Stetler of 100th-st, 2tlx 100; Christian Frank and wife to Hohry Snyder 7,000 Greenwich-st, No 403; Marion V Builer to same. Walker at, No 81; same to same Delancey-st, No 81; Louis Smith to Gittel Smith Smith ... 206 ft e of Avenue A. 28x103.3 Har-ris Levy and wife to Francis Elfe 133.4t, s. a. 63.2 ft e of Amsterdam ave. 16.10x 99.11; Juliet Holland to Mary R Seward and another 84.000 other
Lots 392 and 394, map Section A Vyse estate;
David McNeil and wife to Lavinia Miller
Burnside ave, n s, 61 ft w of Ryerave, 29 lik
73.9x25xi0; Assai G Khouri and wife to Meyer
Manassa and another.

RECORDED MORTGAGES.

Greenthal, Morris, and wife to Title Guarantee and Trust Co., No 200 2d-ave, 5 years.

Hunt, Agnes, indiv and extrix, etc., to the Bow-ery Savings Bank, n e corner 2d-ave and 23d-st, 1 year. Lenahan, James, and wife to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, n e corner loth ave and 147th-st. I year
Levy, Aaron, and wife et al to Lilly W Bersford et al, trustees of L C Hamersley, No 5 Rayardst, 5 years
Middleton, Jane W, to Thomas Cannon and John Davis, Nos 546-548 West 156th-st. 2 years, 2 morragages
Molaughlin, Thomas J, and wife to William Hall's Sons, 97th-st, n e corner Lexington ave, 5 months Ball's Sons, States, The Guarantee and Trust Co., Nos 154 and 156 Essex et, 3 years.

Stetter, David and Maria, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, n s 43d-st, 350 ft e of 2d-ave, 1 year.

Schumann, Theodore F, and wife to the Equitable. Life Assurance Society of the United States, as 149th-st, 135-10 ft w of St. Nicholas ave, 2 years.

years
Simonson, Emily K. to Romonia G W Clagett, a s
Sid-et, 350 ft w of 7th-ave, 5 years.
Well, Max, and wife to Gustavus Sidenberg et al.
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The following plats for new buildings and alterations were filed yesterday:
New buildings at the main office:
119th-st, a s. 225 ft w of Lenox-ave, for five three-story brick dwellings, by Anthony Smyth, of No 153 West 223 st, owner.
Boulevard, s w corner 70th-st, for a one-story brick greenhouse, by Whilam W Astor, of No 21 West 28th-st, owner.
Alterations, at the main office:
9th-ave, n w corner 50th-sk, by J A Bernholz, of No 223 West 28th-st, owner, to a four-story brick tenement.
108th-st, n s. 279.6 ft e of Amsterlam ave, by Mrs Josephine Schmid, of No 897 5th ave, and another, owners, to a two-story brick tenement.
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109th-st, n s. 279.6 ft e of Amsterlam ave, by Will-st, No 52, west half, by National City Bank, owner, to a four-story brick hotel.
Wall-st, No 52, west half, by National City Bank, owner, to a four-story brick hotel hilling, 2d-ave, No 1.827, by Thereas Schoppert, of 21-ave and 94th-st, owner, to a flue-story brick hotel and tenement, Joseph Fande, lessee, oost not given.

New buildings, at the uptown branch.
18th-st, n s. 400 ft e of White Plans Boat (Wa effeld), for a two-short-a-half-story frame dwelling, by R M Lowitz, owner, to a flue-short frame dwelling.
25th-st, n s. 276 ft w of 2d-st, for a one-story frame stable, by John Schneider, owner, to a two-story and attic frame dwelling.

18th-st, 1.011 East, by John Cotter, owner, to a two-story frame dwelling.

25th-st, n s. between 128th and Hoffman sts, by Thomas V McGrane, owner, to a two-story frame dwelling.

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